

Comment received via email from: Lee Witkowski, Adjunct Professor, Lewis University,
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My name is Lee Witkowski. I am an adjunct professor of Environmental Science at Lewis University. I have read the description of the *Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines* on the Internet web site, <http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/>.

I am deeply distressed that these guidelines are only voluntary. By NOT being mandatory a developer could legally site a wind farm in a major migratory flyway. Unless it is made mandatory, each and every wind farm development that is place in these areas of concern would need to be contested. What is the purpose of the guidelines if they cannot be enforced.

Don't get me wrong, I am in favor of wind farms. I also believe that good science should be the premiere determining factors in the placement of these desirable forms of electrical energy generation. By making the guidelines voluntary the developer can legally ignore the science. This is unacceptable from an environmental standpoint.

Unless the guidelines are mandatory, all of the work and tax dollars spent on developing them has been a waste of my tax dollars. I encourage you to put my money to work and make these guidelines mandatory.

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